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Northfield Schools Graduate

The graduation of 170 girls and 157 boys Monday morning brought to a close Northfield's 84th and Mount Hermon's 61st Commencement programs. At both schools the closing exercises were preceded by a week-end crowded with a variety of activities all attended by large groups of students, parents and friends.

The only combined activity of the two schools was the annual Commencement Concert Saturday night which was given by the Northfield Schools Orchestra, the Estey Chorus and the Glee Club of Northfield School

Sunday program opened with a 7:30 a.m. communion service and the Baccalaureate service followed at 11:30 a.m. with Miss Wilson delivering the sermon.

Basing her sermon on the last words of World War I heroine, Edith Cavell, "Patriotism is not enough," Miss Wilson pointed out that academic achievement, marriage, or a good job are not enough in themselves to create a satisfying life. Not even prosperity, a happy home life, and a good psychological adjustment will suffice.

"Only an emotional attachment to God that will make you go out and do something about eradicating the sources of infection, seeking to bring health and healing to the social forces of our day will be enough," she said.

The balance of the Northfield Sunday program consisted of the reception to seniors and their guests at Miss Wilson's home in the afternoon



DR. WILLIAM E. PARK

for Girls and the Glee Club of Mount Hermon School. The conductors were Mr. Albert R. Raymond, director of choral music and Mr. Milton J. Aronson, director of orchestral music and the accompanists were Miss Margaret Christodoro of the Northfield faculty, Mr. Carlton L'Hommiedieu of the Mount Hermon faculty and Joseph Elder, member of the Mount Hermon graduating class. The program consisted of more than twenty numbers divided between the typical Glee Club



MISS MIRA B. WILSON

and the Hour of Music at 8 p.m. in Russell Sage Chapel. The Lantern service was omitted because of rain. The 170 graduates received their diplomas at the Commencement exercises at 11 a.m. Monday. In the presentation, Miss Wilson was aided by the assistant principals, Miss Jeanette Daboll and Miss Mariatta Tower. The speaker was Dr. Frederick M. Meek, minister of Old South Church in Boston. The subject of his address was "Today and Tomorrow."

"You are the generation who can-



DR. H. L. RUBENDALL

numbers, such as ballads, chanteys and selections from Gilbert and Sullivan operettas, two numbers by the orchestra and a finale entitled, "Onward, Ye Peoples" by Sibelius given by the combined choruses and orchestra.

The weekend at Northfield opened on Saturday with a swimming exhibition at 2:30 and the last chapel service at 3:30 p.m. at which the prizes were announced. The winners of the most important were as follows: The Scott Prize, Kathryn Dodge; The Saffier Bible Prize, Jane S. Abell; The Washington-Franklin Certificate, Ellen P. Wiese; The Allen Art Prize, Barbara A. Paige; The Drake Music Prize, Jane G. Hyatt; The Findlay Poetry Prize, Ellen Wiese; Margaret Romer, Lois Haberland, Jane Kendall and Jane Gostray; and the top papers of the Atlantic Monthly Contest were won by Ellen Wiese and Jane Kendall. The



DR. FREDERICK M. MEEK

not run away," he said as he pointed out to the graduates that previous generations have been able to find refuge by conquering new geographical frontiers, by economic expansion, by industrial growth, but that such escape was no longer possible. "Our present frontiers," he said, "are in the tangled competing human emotions, in the jungles of economic and nationalistic passions and racial hates.

"Therefore, as adult young people," he continued, "you had better be interested and concerned in who and what shapes the pattern of America's

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Prospective Pupils

Parents who plan to enter their children in school next fall should take them to the Center School June 25, 26 or 27 for registration. Children must be at least five years and six months old. A clinic for both parents and child will be held and appointments should be made through Mrs. Ernest Parker of the Farms, Mrs. Fred Bolton of West Northfield, Mrs. W. B. Wells for Northfield and Mrs. William Marshall for East Northfield.

Go To West Coast

Dr. and Mrs. F. Wilton Dean are leaving Sunday on a month's trip to California. They will be accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. George Pfefferle. They plan to drive out via Colorado, Brice, Zion, and Grand Canyons, and after visiting various points of interest in California such as Yosemite, they will return via Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks.

Miss Alma Dunklee will be with the Dean's children at their cottage at Lake Spofford while they are away.

Town Topics

Donald K. Bailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bailey of Vernon, formerly of South Vernon and Miss Myrtle May Gibbs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Gibbs of Middlebury, Vt., were married at Middlebury on Friday, May 30.

Our Tax Rate Is Fifty Dollars Twelve Dollars More Than Last

Northfield will have a tax rate of fifty dollars per thousand of valuation this year and one of the highest in the county as well as the highest tax rate known in Northfield since its founding. Tax bills will soon be sent out by the tax collector as the warrant has been issued by the Board of Assessors and approved by Commissioner Long of the State Department of Taxation. Our local assessors have endeavored to arrive at the figure for some time hoping it might be less but the larger appropriations of the last annual meeting of the town, passed without much opposition has hit its mark. The school demands were for \$14,000 more and all along the line came increased needs. Exempted property also increased.

In commending the local assessors in the compilation of their report, Mr. Long says that he has looked over the recapitulation sheet and notes the intelligence with which the 1947 tax rate was developed "and which he approves." "The rate as established will make clear to all exactly what the situation is." The property owner taxpayer will have to pay the bill, while the non-owner voter who sometimes have so much to say in voting monies can easily pay their poll tax and smile.

Town Topics

Farm and Home days will be observed at the University of Massachusetts, formerly the State college at Amherst on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 17 and 18. There will be plenty to interest the progressive farmer and the ambitious housewife. A good attendance is expected from Northfield and vicinity.

Many in Northfield are interested in the Grenfell Mission of Labrador founded by the late Sir Wilfred Grenfell, who frequently visited here. His work is being continued and it is of interest to learn that last week over 100 chicks were transported to Mont-

real from Amherst and then flown by air to Labrador in care of Stephen Hamilton of Amherst who will be at the mission this summer.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Niles E. Stone of this town at the Franklin County Hospital on Saturday, June 7; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Hermon Fisher and Mrs. Laura Stone all of Northfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Livernoise have moved from the Spurgeon Gage house on Winchester Road and will be at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Spaulding for the summer. In the fall they will take possession of a home being prepared for them.

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The Old Homestead

Prominent among the events of New England to be held this summer is the revival of Denman Thompsons, "The Old Homestead" to be held in Potash Bowl at Swansey, N. H., on July 4, 5 and 6. This great production of bygone days which moves all to tears and laughter is a typical of New England play and Denman Thompson was a resident of the Swansey valley. Now the folks of that community assume the characters of the play without any return except as the profits are divided between the churches and community house. Again assuming the character of Uncle Josh this year is Willard Thompson, well-known leading citizen.



WILLARD THOMPSON

Other important roles are by Walter Hanrahan, Mrs. Arthur Dudley, Harlan Barrett, Avalon Class, Harold Adam and Al Pierson. The oxen drawing the load of hay, the moon over the trees, and the singing of the double quartette are in scenes not to be forgotten as well as the scene depicting Grace Church in New York. The story of the "Old Homestead" is a sermon with telling truths and the portrayal will never be forgotten.

See the production once and you will want to go again. This year many will go to Swansey from Northfield and already two large busses will make the trip.

Town Topics

The Pilgrim Fellowship, the organization for young people at the Congregational Church, have concluded their meeting until fall. Miss Ester Carter and Miss Jean McEwan are to attend a district meeting of the Fellowship at Wilbraham the week of June 21.

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With a background of seventeen years experience in the headquarters of the Springfield Fire and Marine Insurance Company and the operation of his own general and life insurance agency during the past three years, Mr. Mason brings to policyholders of the late Mr. Fitt a valuable combination of home office and agency experience. He will also assist in the reorganization of the Fitt agency, already well under way, installing the most modern methods of filing, accounting and keeping other office records.

The agency's office in the East Northfield Post Office Building will be maintained.

Town Topics

Mrs. George Martin Ball of Winchester Road is spending some time with her son, Robert H. Ball and his family at Port Washington, Long Island. She will also visit with friends in New York.

The new city directory for Greenfield is now being distributed and includes the towns of Turners Falls and Shelburne Falls. Northfield is omitted this year.

Westfield Laurel Week

The most promising showing of laurel will be this season from the appearance of the plants which are rapidly budding in the Westfield area. The week of June 15 to 22 has been designated as Laurel Week and all the towns about Westfield will encourage the coming of visitors to view the beautiful flowers. Pioneer Valley's pink laurel will be more attractive than usual and one will be able to motor about the highways and observe laurel everywhere. Again the direction of the display and the arranging for guidance of visitors will be by A. D. Robinson, a retired manufacturer, whose development of laurel has been a hobby for over 25 years.

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CARLETON K. FINCH

More than 150 bachelors' degrees will be granted at the eighty-first Commencement exercises at Bates College Sunday, June 15. Ambassador Warren R. Austin of Vermont, United States delegate to the United Nations, will give the Commencement address.

The list of candidates for bachelors' degrees includes Carleton K. Finch, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Finch of East Northfield.

Finch, who completed his degree requirements in February, majored in physics. While at Bates he was active in track all four years, and won his numerals in pole-vaulting. He has been named to the Dean's List for scholastic proficiency and has worked on the Community Service Commission of the Christian Association. He served nearly three years with the U. S. Navy in the Pacific-Asiatic theater.

Arrange Hobby Show

The Historical Society is arranging for a Hobby Show to be held at the museum on Pine Street on Friday, July 11th, and hopes for the co-operation of the citizens generally in making a display. Miss Elsie Scott, the president, and Joseph R. Colton, curator, are expecting to have many exhibits which will make the exhibition worth while and most interesting. The committee named in charge consist of Mrs. Martin E. Vorce, Mrs. Frank Montague and Mrs. L. P. Goodspeed with whom contact should be made by intending exhibitors. Make a note of the date.

Town Topics

Mrs. Edna B. H. Jenkins of Jackson Heights, N. Y., is expected at her cottage on Cliff Road next week when she will reopen and remain for the summer.

Children's Day at the Congregational Church was observed with appropriate exercises last Sunday morning. Next Sunday morning the Seniors of the High School will attend service and Rev. Mr. Reeves will preach the baccalaureate sermon.

The young people of the Pilgrim Fellowship of the Congregational Church will enjoy a roller skating party at South Deerfield next Monday evening. Cars will leave the church at seven o'clock.

Miss Dorothy H. Phelps, daughter of Mrs. Florence Phelps of West Northfield, graduated as a nurse from Cooley Dickinson Hospital in Northampton last week Wednesday.

Mrs. Kathleen Langua of West Northfield, who is employed at the store of Sears, Roebuck and Co. in Greenfield, has been awarded a service pin for five years of faithful service with the company.

The Sunday school sessions of the Unitarian Church have closed for the summer to reconvene in September. Sunday, June 8th, was observed as Children's Day with special exercises in the morning at the church.

The WCTU will hold a food sale on Wednesday, July 16, on the lawn at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Colton on Main Street.

The Schools Commencement
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life. What is being done now, in secret committees and public debate, by vote and legislation, is determining what will happen to you ten years from now.

"It is determining whether or not you will be vaporized in a blinding second; or whether you will end your days in a mass of rubble in the Balkans or on the Russian plains; or whether you will spend your life, not necessarily an easy one, but a satisfying, adventurous one in America, in this generation which can only survive as people assume their own individual responsibility."

Mount Hermon's Commencement program opened on Friday with the Deerfield baseball game at which the home team suffered a 9 to 0 defeat at the hands of the Deerfield Academy team. In the evening the Senior banquet was held at the Weldon and the high light of the Saturday schedule was Class Day program at 3 p.m. at which the annual prizes were awarded. The most important of these were: The Joseph Allen Prizes for excellence in declamation, first James H. Thompson, second, Owen H. Jander; The McBurney Prizes, first, Enric Sellares, second, Murray A. Simmons; The Wilbur Edward Lynde Science Prize, Paul D. Peck; The Phillips Music Prizes, George E. Becker, Jr., Owen H. Jander, and Charles A. Kennedy; The Yale-Hermon Scholarship, David S. Gray; Headmaster's Prize, H. Kenneth Ruhl, and the Cambridge award for general excellence was divided this year between Paul D. Peck and Charles L. Miller.

Headmaster Howard L. Rubendall was the preacher at the Baccalaureate service at 10:30 Sunday morning. "The Appropriate Spirit" was his topic. This spirit he described as the secret formula that turns a mechanic into an artist, a technician into a master.

"In our theorizing about education," he said, "We have been influenced too much by the idea of nurture. We think that if an individual is exposed to a good home, a fine school, and the proper fruit, Human beings don't work that way. The 'garden theory' of education is all right untill inevitably there come the pests, the blight and the drought. Our lives demand all the nurture we can accumulate, but there must be decision too, or nurture is wasted.

"Like the youth of no other land," he concluded, "you have reason to hope and dream. Don't let life cheat you nor you yourselves cheat your destiny. Live in the spirit that keeps dreams from being mirages, hopes from being ashes."

The balance of the Sunday program included the afternoon faculty reception in the Social Hall and a recital by the Music department at 8:30 p.m. in Memorial Chapel. In the Monday morning Commencement exercises diplomas were presented to the 157 graduates by Dr. Rubendall and on this occasion the speaker was President William E. Park of the Northfield Schools. Speaking on "Servants of Mankind", Dr. Park told the graduates that the world's most immediate need is for true greatness.

"The primary problem which our world faces today," he said, "is one of moral reconstruction and this goal will be achieved only when people like us are willing to base our lives on Christ's ideal of success, namely that 'He that is greatest among you shall be your servant'."

He said that real success in achieving true greatness does not depend on fame, but rather on the contribution one makes toward the betterment of the human race. "There has never been a time in history," he concluded, "when there is more opportunity for that kind of success than in the world into which you are going."

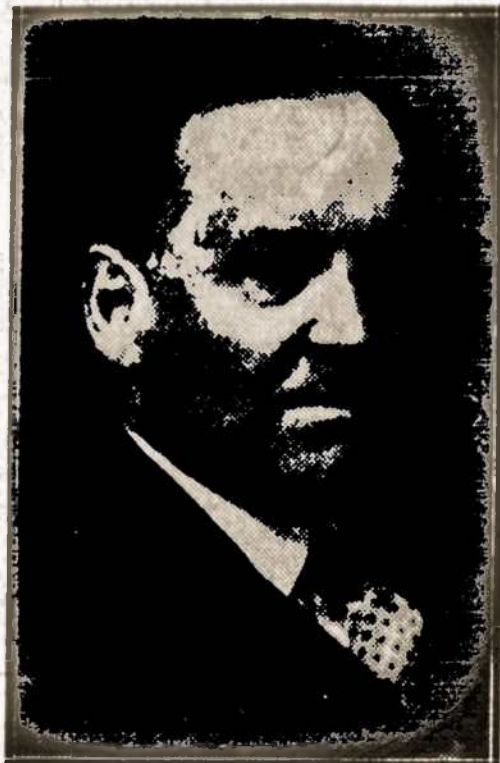
The choice of Dr. Park as Commencement speaker was unusually appropriate because he was acting headmaster when the class entered in 1943.

Town Topics

William Peck, son of Rev. and Mrs. H. Dudley Peck of Guatemala, who was a student at Mount Hermon, will visit his parents during the coming summer. He left Northfield Tuesday for the long journey with Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Moore of Philadelphia who returned home after spending the commencement days here.

Conference Speaker

A speaker at the General Conference to be held this year from August 2 to 11 is one well known to many as a constant and interested participant for many years. He is Dr. Harris E. Kirk, minister of the Franklin Street Presbyterian Church of Baltimore, Maryland.



DR. HARRIS E. KIRK

Dr. Kirk is a native of Tennessee and graduated from the Southwestern University in Memphis, from which he received his doctor of divinity and doctor of laws degrees. He has served his present pastorate since 1901 and has also been able to lecture on theology, homiletics and psychology in many schools and universities. He is a former Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in the United States and is a well-known writer of numerous books and magazine articles on religion and Christianity. The appearance of Dr. Kirk on the list of speakers for the General Conference will be approved and his addresses will be listened to with much interest and appreciation.

For many years Dr. Kirk and his family have visited Northfield during the summer season with prolonged stays at the Northfield Hotel.

High School Graduates

Graduation exercises of the Northfield High School will be held at the Town Hall on Friday evening, June 20, at eight o'clock. The Class night exercises will be on Thursday evening when a play will be produced based on the events of the recent Washington trip and an interesting program given offered by members.

At the commencement, Rev. Hazel R. Gredler will offer the invocation; Marilyn Dresser will present a paper on "The Founding of Northfield"; Alva Jones on the life of "Charles Preston"; and Lois Stearns on the "Evaluation of Local Public Schools." The address will be by Dr. H. L. Rubendall of Mount Hermon School. The presentation of awards will be by Principal Parker, of diplomas by Supt. Robert N. Taylor. The benediction will be Rev. Francis Kacheva.

Gilbert Gredler of the University of New Hampshire is at his home here visiting his mother. He will go to Milwaukee soon to attend the national convention of American Veterans which opens June 19.

Town Topics

Russell Durgin is sailing from Japan to visit his wife at their home in New Haven, Conn. He will leave June 19 and will visit enroute his daughter, Mrs. Charles Miller (Helen Durgin) and family at their home in California.

Rev. Carolus R. Webb, rector of the Church of the Incarnation, East Orange, New Jersey, and his family will occupy the cottage Kenjockety on North Lane, Rustic Ridge, this summer.

Miss Elinor Peck is at her cottage here after a busy winter spent with young people with the various churches in the West. She is getting the cottage in readiness for Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Manning of New London, Conn., who will occupy during July and August.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Krejmas of this town at the Franklin County Hospital on Tuesday, June 3rd. Granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Krejmas of Gill and of Mrs. Mary Schyba of Northfield.

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Town Topics

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James Spaulding, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Spaulding will be attending classes at the University of Massachusetts at Fort Devens this summer. His sister, Miss Edith Spaulding of New York, is visiting at the home of her parents now.

Shutesbury through its assessors announces a tax rate of \$30 for this year, only \$2 more than last year.

Baseball games, scheduled here by the Northfield Baseball team during the remainder of this month of June are as follows: June 18 with Montague City; June 20 with South Deerfield; June 22 with Charlemont; June 29 with Montague City.

The County Commissioners have announced the amount of taxes to be levied upon the various county towns and the assessment for Northfield will be \$5,082.13. The total amount needed to provide for the county expenditures is \$192,956.55.

The local Chapter Order of the Eastern Star held its closing session for the season last week with a most interesting program and with the serving of refreshments. The next meeting of the chapter will be September 3 and plans are being made for the visitation of officials from the Grand Chapter on October 1.

The Grand held its regular meeting last Tuesday evening with a very good attendance and Lawrence Ferris, Master, presided. After the business session there was a showing of moving pictures by the Extension Service.

A. M. Solandt of Ashuelot Road is at the Keene, N. H., hospital and is reported as very ill. Advices, however, say he is holding his own. Friends wish for a speedy recovery.

The Community Boys' Club under the direction of John F. Field now includes forty members. They are all enthusiastic over baseball and expect to form a team and play several games.

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